


TOWN COUNCIL

September 28, 2012

TO: Ron Van Winkle, Town Manager
FROM: Essie S. Labrot, Town Clerk/Council Clerk



The Town Council at its meeting held on September 27, 2012 adopted the following substitute resolution reaffirming Clean Energy Community Pledge.

WHEREAS, the Town of West Hartford passed a resolution on January 25, 2005, to join the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program and committed the Town to purchase 20% of its electricity needs from clean energy sources by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to achieve this goal and advise on energy-related matters, the Town Council adopted a resolution on September 13, 2005, to appoint the Clean Energy Task Force. The task force comprises six to eight members including staff, town councilors, and residents with interest or expertise in the field; and

WHEREAS, in December 2008, the Town Council directed the Clean Energy Task Force to develop a Comprehensive Energy Plan, which was adopted by resolution in March 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, an Energy Specialist was hired to implement the plan and guide the Town in reducing its energy consumption, serve as a liaison to the task force, and manage the Town's energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, since the Town's initial pledge, the Town has achieved the goals of the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program: the Town has purchased over 20% of its electricity from clean energy sources; 1,330 households have added the clean energy option to their electricity bill; and the Town has earned 18 KW of free solar panels; and

WHEREAS, today, the Town of West Hartford agrees to take on a new challenge put forth by the Connecticut Clean Energy Communities Program: to reduce energy consumption in municipal buildings 20% by 2018 and to maintain the commitment to purchase 20% of electricity from clean, renewable sources by 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by reaffirming its Clean Energy Communities Municipal Pledge, the Town of West Hartford commits to these new goals. The Town will track and report progress towards these goals and will continue to promote energy efficiency and clean, renewable technologies in the community. By doing so, the Town of West Hartford is eligible to receive incentives that may include free clean energy systems and up to two \$15,000 Bright Ideas Grants per fiscal year that can be used towards energy-savings projects.

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Joseph O'Brien, Corporation Counsel



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